

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed April 18, 2007, which has been reviewed and carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-3 and 6-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over EP 0,935,277 (Tanaka) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,530,678 (Kirsten). Further, claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Tanaka in view of Kirsten and U.S. Patent No. 5,111,105 (Yamamoto). Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Tanaka in view of Kirsten and of U.S. Patent No. 6,583,564 (Kiryu). It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-11 are patentable over Tanaka, Kirsten, Yamamoto and Kiryu for at least the following reasons.

Tanaka is directed to a discharge lamp used as a headlight in vehicles where belt-shaped shading films 14, 15 are formed on the outer surface of an outer tube or envelope 6. As recited on column 2, lines 21-26, Tanaka is concerned with forming the shading films

at the precise desired locations, where the shading films have a uniform thickness with steep or sharp edges.

It is respectfully submitted that Tanaka is completely silent and does not teach or suggest the present invention as recited in independent claim 1 which, amongst other patentable elements, requires (illustrative emphasis provided):

a condensate having a particular color formed in the discharge vessel, and an optical compensating filter partially coated on the outer envelope, the optical compensating filter being configured to compensate for the particular color [of the condensate] so that a light output of the gas-discharge lamp has reduced coloration of the particular color.

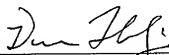
Tanaka does not even teach or suggest any condensate, let alone teaching or suggesting a filter configured to compensate for the particular color of the condensate as required by claim independent 1, or filter located adjacent the condensate, as required by claim 6. Rather, Tanaka merely teaches shading films 14, 15 to compensate for inaccurate position of the arc, where the shading films 14, 15 have a uniform thickness with steep or sharp edges. Kirsten, Yamamoto and Kiryu are cited to allegedly show other features and do not remedy the deficiencies in Tanaka.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 1 is allowable, and allowance thereof is respectfully requested. In addition, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-11 should also be allowed based at least on their dependence from independent claim 1.

In addition, Applicant denies any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicant reserves the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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